

Villarreal Commission Agenda 8.15.16

Call to Order

A) Meeting Business

A-1) Roll Call

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B) Reports

C-1) Executive Director

C-2) Chair

C) Acceptance of Agenda

D) Recess

E) Minutes and Allocations:

E-1) Commission Minutes

F) Action Items

F-1) Immediate Consideration

-- AS Bike Committee prize

-- CAB Fall retreat

F-2) Old Business

G) Discussion Items

G-1) Recommendations for future elections

G-2) Swearing in new officers

H) Adjournment

Call to Order at 5:08 PM by Villarreal

Members: Jimmy Villarreal, Marisela Marquez, Elizabeth Brock (Secretary) – Not Present, Courtney Stump (Vice Chair) – Present, Jacqueline Vierra – Present, Menelik Dagnachew (Treasurer) – Not Present, Cindy Lam- Present

Marquez: Brock will not be able to make meeting. Minutes are on the drive.

Villarreal: Menelik is still in LA because of UCSA. For any discussion, we can call him in.

MOTION/SECOND: Vierra/Lam

Motion Language: Motion to excuse the absences of Elizabeth Brock and Menelik Dagnachew.

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ACTION: Vote: Approve

5:10 PM

- Report from Marisela:

Marquez: A couple years ago AS president Aly Guthie allocated 10,000 dollars to a survivors fund. This fund would support any person affected by sexual assault. There were a series of demands from the Chancellor's office. One of these demands included a survivor's fund. She allocated 10,000 dollar lump sum to the effort. The process is confidential so if there is a person

that needs to draw from the funds to go home or seek an attorney they can do so confidentially. The counselors would talk to financial aid and spread the funds. We finally received a request just last week. I am authorizing the payment because I was present when Aly created this. Senate at the time approved it. The money does not come from student fees. It comes from business revenue we get from selling readers. I can answer any questions you may have.

Villarreal: Is it just a onetime request?

Marquez: Yes. I did ask the associate vice chancellor to compile a report of what's left in the fund. There are also some funds from the vice chancellor's office to support the UC IV effort. There should be around 20,000 dollars.

Stump: How was the meeting last Thursday with Brendan?

Marquez: It is on the agenda.

Villarreal: Do you all know about UC IV?

Vierra: No

Marquez: Basically it is the idea of having a series of student volunteers going out to the community during the weekend or Halloween parties when there are a lot of out of towners. Volunteers would educate people on how to drink responsibly and safely. Basically having peer to peer communication.

Villarreal: Last year there was a great turnout of volunteers during Deltopia. We also had a ton of volunteers this past Halloween and Deltopia.

Marquez: Personnel update: We are currently interviewing for the position of assistance director of business services. We are conducting search process which consists of putting together a search committee for assistant director of independent media and a record keeping position. The committee would look at resumes and conduct interviews and send me recommendations. This past week I sent Ladonte King to the UCSA conference. He went on Friday. An upcoming event is the student/staff retreat.

Villarreal: Are we going to be at the retreat?

Marquez: I want you all to be aware of it. The idea of this commission is that you guys would be in place until senate is sworn in. It looks like this retreat would be when senate is sworn in. we were thinking this retreat could be a double meeting. Have a meeting to swear them in and then have the new senate conduct their first meeting. I mentioned the audit of our department of our internal controls. One of the things they found is that our department does not have formal authority to procure things. We disagreed and we filed a retort to their report. They still believe we don't have authority. Jimmy, Austin, myself and the vice chancellor of student advisors had a meeting this Thursday about what we can do. The vice chancellor and chief financial officer

support us. We wrote a memo to the chancellor to have him grant us the authority to make it official.

Stump: Hopefully this issue doesn't come up again.

Marquez: I will let you guys know if the vice chancellor has any edits or comments.

Villarreal: it seemed like we were all in agreement in what we wanted to get done. In a report filed a while ago, it was stated that the association was but did not specify procurement so we wrote a memo to the Chancellor asking to grant us official authority.

Marquez: Another thing is about the proposed noise ordinance. Your elected EVPSA president has put together a facebook event advertising a meeting to discuss this noise ordinance.

Stump: The noise ordinance would be moved from 12 pm to 10 pm.

Villarreal: it's currently a proposal. Ashcon had the Sheriff's office postpone the date to vote for the proposal

- Report from Jimmy

Villarreal: I wanted to commend you all for last meeting. I am very proud of you guys. Proud of how you handled it and discussed the situation intelligently. Marisela touched on procurement. We also had a meeting with Brendan Gonzalez on Thursday. He kind of hashed out his concerns since April. Part of it is the frustration over how long the process took. It felt like he was looking for some closure. We told him that we cannot speak on behalf of anyone else. I think the vice chancellor did try to make him feel better of the situation. We are thinking that the newspaper will be reporting about our decision. He was not pleased but was not pushing for more.

Marquez: He wanted an apology from the association and from me. He wanted me to help the bottom line retract the original story. The general principle is that I do not tell students what to do or say. I give them my opinion but that's it. It's still not my department. I am head of AS but that is not the point of my job. It's also not my place to tell newspapers what to write and what not to write. They did seem to update the story since it was first published. What we did agree to was to put something on our homepage of a timeline of events to explain what happened in the process. We could create a webpage just for this commission because I feel that the current page is becoming cluttered. If any of you want to propose it, I can make it happen.

Villarreal: I let him know that none of us wanted this to happen. We made logical decisions the whole time. We have had a set course.

- Acceptance of Agenda

Villarreal: I'm going to add making a website on the agenda under discussion.

Vierra: Cindy Lopez just sent something in.

Villarreal: We will hold off on that until next week

MOTION/SECOND: Vierra/Stump

Motion Language: Motion to accept the agenda

ACTION: Vote: Approve

3-0-0

Vote Take: 5:32 pm

- Minutes and Allocation
 - Commission Minutes:

Marquez: Add something in minutes to describe that the audit meeting happened from 4 pm – 5pm.

MOTION/SECOND: Stump/Vierra

Motion Language: Motion to approve the minutes

ACTION: Vote: Approve

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Vote Taken: 5:38 pm

- AS Bike Cpommittee Prize:

Marquez: AS Bike Committee wanted to give students prizes for activities that would focus on improving bike safety on campus.

Villarreal: Personally think that prizes are great way to incentivize students. You guys can take a look at this.

Stump: is it coming from their own budget?

Villarreal: yes

Marquez: You don't have to agree to the whole amount. You can ask them to change the amount the lock in fee for individual BCU's is specifically for their own mission.

MOTION/SECOND: Stump/Vierra

Motion Language: Motion to approve the as bike prices

ACTION: Vote: Approve

3-0-0

Vote Taken: 5:41 pm

- CAB Fall retreat:

Villarreal: We are approving the allocation of the retreat.

Vierra: The CAB retreat going to be in Solvang for two days. Staying just one night. We need money for accommodations, supplies, and transportation. We are getting two sedans from transportation services and two students are driving.

Villarreal: what team building are you guys doing?

Vierra: we need supplies for those activities. For example we have the duck walk where we will need supplies such as bread. We are also going to take people sightseeing around Solvang. It's also important because there we will be teaching people how to do fund requests and other important business.

Marquez: I want to suggest that if someone on this commission in a AS Group they cannot vote for a motion pertaining to that AS group they are in.

MOTION/SECOND: Stump/Lam

Motion Language: Motion to table CAB Fall retreat for a week

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ACTION: Vote: Approve

5:46 pm

- Discussion Items:

Villarreal: Since we are about to lose corum should we adjourn and then have discussion?

Marquez: Yes

Vierra: Here is an initial idea for some reforms

1) Article XVIII: Elections Regulations (in the by-laws), section 7 subsection D titled "Campaign Restrictions": We could propose adding a #5 stipulation that states: "Only the A.S. Elections Board, registered campus political parties, and registered independent campaigns may utilize voter incentivization programs." Next, we could add a subsection that defines these programs: "A voter incentivization program is any financial or materialistic effort to gain voter interest either in an individual or party's campaign or the voting process at large. These efforts are separate from the standard campaigning processes, which aim to engage voters directly in the political issues at hand, and rather include but are not limited to: financial rewards for voting, tangible materialistic rewards for attention while campaigning, etc." Finally, I would recommend adding another subsection that states "any party or campaign wishing to utilize voter incentivization programs MUST receive approval and oversight from the elections board.

MOTION/SECOND: Stump/Law

Motion Language: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm

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ACTION: Vote: Approve

5:48 pm

Stump: Main points discussed by Vierra were great.

Villarreal: Where we would strongly attack the language is if the grant would be available to everyone or just to certain group.

Stump: like the idea that certain things have to be reviewed. Does Graves still work for AS?

Marquez: Unfortunately, no.

Stump: I can see if Robin can help.

Marquez: She isn't technically supposed to work on anything directly involving AS. However we can get it looked at by Senate and elections board.

Menelik: is it within our power to have grants approved by elections board?

Villarreal: That's the part that gets complicated. We can only control what the party does. That's something we have to figure out.

Marquez: The tie in is really to the candidate. It's really how you phrase in your recommendations.

Villarreal: Maybe next meeting we can do election recommendations.

- Swearing in new officers:

Villarreal: Now that we have approved the elections, we want to swear in new officers as soon as possible. We wanted to do it this meeting for the excess available. We have a date set to let everyone know when to come. Josephine asked if Jocelyn could swear her in.

Marquez: I think she can swear her in ADDITION to you swearing her in. So both can.

Stump: Once we swear in everyone, will Austin chair these meetings?

Villarreal: No, I will still be running the meeting but Austin will be president.

Marquez: He could send in a president's report.

- Commission website:

Marquez: Homepage of the association website has a lot more information. Most of the information is relevant to your commission. I was thinking that this commission can create a webpage for the Villarreal commission a place to display our purpose and minutes. It would probably be helpful if you guys create the timeline of events yourself.

Villarreal: It would be cool to have a webpage on the main AS website. Especially because we are swearing people in soon.